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Thank you for agreeing to an in-person interview next Monday at 4:30 PM, while I am in Washington. I think that it will be more productive than trying to do it by telephone. Lloyd Sadler, the attorney of record for the case, should be faxing you my appointment as his associate so that we can talk officially. He may also be joining us by telephone.

I would like to discuss three things during the interview:

1. What the claimed invention is, and in particular some of the claim terms that have specific meaning. As both one of the inventors and the drafter of the application, I'm in a unique position to do this, and hopefully we will be able to resolve all your questions regarding the invention.

In particular, I would like to discuss the importance of the definitions of a quotation, source document, and reference document:

A reference document is a document that contains a quotation of a passage of a source document. . . .

A quotation of a passage from a source document means that that passage has been copied from the source document, or another document that itself quoted the source document, when the reference document was created. Such copying could be by copying the passage from the source document using a word processor and then pasting it into the reference document. Alternatively, the passage from the source document could be retyped as the reference document was being written. In either case, access to the source document, or another document quoting from the source document, during the creation of the reference document is necessary and the quotation represents a literal copying of a portion of the source document, the quoted passage. Something is not a quotation simply because it contains some words in common with another document.

As an example, this fax is a reference document containing the above quotation from the application, which is the source document.

Another key aspect of the invention is that:

The highlighting of a quoted passage in a source document using the techniques of the present invention is inherently dynamic. It is not a static highlighting determined at the time the source document is formatted for the hypertext system, as is the case for the highlighting of a hypertext link, but instead is based on the particular quotation selected by the user. If there are different quotations from the source document, the highlighting will be different depending on the particular quotation selected by the user.

2. In your office action of September 16, 2003, you state:

In particular, Amann et al. disclose the claimed features of "displaying a reference document containing a quotation of a passage from a source document to permit the selection of the quotation by a user"; "retrieving the source document containing the passage quoted in the quotation selected by the user"; "locating the quoted passage in the source document, where the highlighting of the quoted passage is based on the result of the location step and not highlighting previously in the source document" (See Amann et al. Figure 4, Section 4, Pages 201-204).

and:

As per claims 1, 7 and 13 Osterbye et al. disclose the claimed features of "displaying a reference document containing a quotation of a passage from a source document to permit the selection of the quotation by a user"; "retrieving the source document containing the passage quoted in the quotation selected by the user"; "locating the quoted passage in the source document, where the highlighting of the quoted passage is based on the result of the location step and not highlighting previously in the source document" (See Osterbye et al. Figures 2-5, Section 2, Pages 168-173).

In order to properly respond to the office action, we need to know where you feel those particular features are disclosed in the two references.

3. We are puzzled by your citing the DuFresne 5,835,712 patent as a reference. It was issued on November 10, 1998, based on a May 3, 1996 application. This application is a continuation-in-part of application 08/363,772, filed on December 22, 1994. We don't see how it would be prior art under any of the alternatives in 35 USC § 102.

Again, thank you for your consideration of this, and your agreement to the interview.

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